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The Lissner Charter Ingnominiosly Defeated

THE NEGROES VOTE 15 TO 1 AGAINST IT. *The Liberator* WINS ANOTHER VICTORY.

The overwhelming defeat of the Lissner-Eddie Charter marks the passing of the Goo Goos. Drunk with power they rushed from one extreme to another. Their attempt to put the city into the hands of a machine composed of four men with the power to keep themselves perpetually in office was more than the voters could stand.

Along with the others, the colored voters arrayed themselves against the charter because its bad features out numbered the good ones and they smote it hip and thigh; particularly because they knew that its adoption meant the complete elimination of the Negro from the public service and they seized upon it as a good opportunity to punish the Lissner bunch for the unmanly treatment they had received at their hands.

The Negro voters have the balance of power or more, in 35 precincts; every one of which voted from 2 to 1 to 15 to 1 against the charter. In precinct 232 a precinct in which *The Liberator* has its largest proportionate circulation, 5 voters were cast for the charter and 77 against it. This is a solid colored precinct. As it was in precinct 232, so it was in all of the Negro precincts; the vote against the charter being large or small in proportion to the size of *The Liberator's* circulation in said precinct. For justice and fair play *The Liberator* wins another victory.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GREAT *TIMES* BUILDING DEDICATED ON DECEMBER 4th.

Erected on the spot occupied by the original structure, destroyed through the wicked agencies of conspiracy, dynamite and fire, Oct. 1, 1910; rebuilt 1911-1912, and reoccupied October 1, 1912.

The aim of the builders has been to make the building as nearly fire-proof, earth-quake proof and dynamite-proof as is humanly possible, and also to make it exactly suited to the practical and exacting requirements of the expanded and expanding business.

The new building is wider, deeper, higher in the air, extends farther into the earth, and is more solid, massive, enduring and imposing in appearance than was the destroyed structure.

The building covers a private closable alley running north from First street along the easterly side. From this alley a powerful paper hoist starts, connecting with the sub-basement. "Ink Alley," so called, which ran east-wardly from the Broadway front, and was the point chosen by the dynamiters for their operations, has been abolished.

Five public entrances from the street, two passenger elevators, three freight elevators, two plate elevators and one electric paper hoist give ingress and egress. The first floor is reached by the general entrances, and the other floors, as well as the roof, are reached by elevators, and also by adequate stairways. Near the northwest corner a dependable stairway for the force rises from the Broadway side, running against the interior of the north wall all the way to the top of the building, connecting en route with all floors.

The building is equipped with a modern system of heating and ventilation, arranged with automatic control from the various departments, to give the temperature required. All of the air entering into the ventilation system is purified before entering the rooms. All the floors have suitable washrooms and lockers.

A permanent exterior lighting system has been installed, with about 6000 incandescent lights outlining the entire building, including the four sides of the tower, and also the dome.

A complete sprinkler system has been installed, supplied from two 7500-gallons pressure tanks above.

Construction

Materials: Granite, brick, iron, steel, bronze, copper, concrete, wood, marble, lead and glass.

Dimensions: 90 feet on First by 156 feet on Broadway; depth, 32 feet below curb by 88 feet above curb; height of building proper, 120 feet. Four stories, two basements, dome and tower, besides a complete photographic and photo-engraving establishment (elsewhere described) 80 by 40 feet, on the roof.

THE FLOORS AND THEIR USES

Sub-basement

Total floor space, 13,500 square feet. The bottom is 31 feet below the curb. For storing roll-print paper. Reached by a powerful freight elevator, carrying 15 tons, one passenger elevator, a sidewalk elevator, an electric paper

hoist, and by adequate stairways Capacity for storing 600 tons of paper.

BASEMENT

Pressroom proper. Total floor space, 6540 square feet, including the various "dips, spurs and angles," and considerable working space under the west side-walk. Five presses, each with its own individual electric motor; electric switchboards; lift to convey roll paper from the sub-basement; foreman's room, machine shop, supplies room, boiler room, ink pump and conveyors, roller cabinets, closets, broken-paper baler, core-corner, and rooms under sidewalk.

Hoe perfecting presses in use: 1. "Uncle Sam" (rescued sextuple—24 pages); 2. "Columbia" (sextuple—24 pages, entirely rebullt from two like machines destroyed in the great fire of October 1, 1910); 3. "American Sire" (new octuple—32 pages); 4. "American Boy" (new octuple —32 pages; 5. ("American Girl" (tri-color;) the recently rebuilt 7-cylinder, 48-page multicolor magazine-perfecting machine, upon which the Illustrated Weekly is printed at the rate of 12,000 complete copies per hour; the sheets being superimposed and inset, cut, trimmed and delivered folded, wire-stitched and counted, by a series of successive operations so nearly simultaneous as to make them appear as one operation. The running speed of these great machines is from 12,000 to 48,000 complete papers per hour.

In front of the battery of presses, and separated from them by a metal curtain, is the lower mailing room, including much available working space under the west and south sidewalks, this department having a total floor space of 8200 square feet, and being devoted to the operations of collecting, "stuffing," wrapping, bundling and mailing the printed sheets, requiring the work of many hands.

Mezzanine Floor (same story, looking down into the mailing and press rooms). Floor space, 3200 square feet; used by the head and for the head-work of the mailing department, and for the overflow from "the lower regions;" also available for a visitor's gallery. Capacious and finely lighted.

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MINISTERIAL DISAPPROVAL

Colored Alliance of Baptist Ministers Withdraw Hand of Fellowship From Preacher Who Would Sing.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast" according to our old literary standby, Shakespeare, but it proved as charmless as the bruised left hind leg of a rabbit when it came to unruffling the indignation of the Colored Baptist Ministers' Alliance yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Hill of yesterday is today "Heavy Basso Hill of the All-Star California Jubilee Singers."

For the Rev. Dr. Hill of yesterday has practically been unfrocked. "the right hand of fellowship" has been withdrawn. His flock of 400 and the pastorate of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church were "abandoned" —all because genius would out.

But, if the Baptist pulpit here loses an eccleiastic, the footlights gain a voice that perhaps rivals Caruso's.

Even the least esthetic, the least musical deacon of the brotherhood, will concede that. They accused the Rev. Dr. Hill of "unministerial conduct," and "waited upon" him to show their disapproval of his actions in leaving the pulpit "for the glare of the footlights," but frocked or unfrocked, there is no question but that the Rev. Dr. Hill of yesterday and "Basso Hill" of today is a singer.—The L. A. Times.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY AT THE LYCEUM

There will be a discussion of the civil service at the Lyceum, Sunday afternoon, December 8th. The method used to prevent Negroes from qualifying under the civil service rules will be exposed. There are many positions in the civil service in the city and county to which young colored men and women are eligible. In the city and county, there are more than 8,000 positions under the civil serfice, and those desiring to enter the service should attend the Lyceum's meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. Our young men and women are especially invited.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Adam's block, 809 East 9th street, has been completed and open for business Thursday.

Plans for the $40,000 business block to be erected by Mr. O. E. Brookins, are rapidly taking shape. The building will be ready for occupancy early in the Spring.

Rev. Thomas B. Bynum, formerly pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Duarte, has been appointed State and Missionary Evangelist. He expects to enter actively into his new work soon; his address is 849 Hemlock street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Floyd Robinson, brother of Mr. L. G. Robinson, is here from Bonsville, Ga. He will make his home in Southern California. Mr. L. G. Robinson is one of Pasadena's most prominent citizens. He is also one of the trusted employees of the Hall of Records.

THE MALONE MEMORIAL

A large crowd turned out to the Lyceum Sunday evening to attend the Malone memorial exercises only to be disappointed. The janitor

after arranging the hall for the memorial, by an oversight left the doors locked, and could not be found when the opening hour arrived. Among those present were many strange ladies and gentlemen who read the account in *The Liberator* and came out accompanied by their children to take part in the exercises.

Mr. Lesser, proprietor of the St. George Hotel, and, who reared Malone from boyhood, was also present and thanked the audience for turning out to do honor to Mr. Malone. He urged that a new date be arranged and memorial exercises be held. As he is anxious to send the proceedings to the parents of the dead hero.

Sunday, Dec. 15th, has been set aside as the day for holding the memorial. An appropriate program will be arranged. Full program will be published in *The Liberator* next week.

CITY BY THE SEA

To the Liberator:

Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, Miss Brown entertained a few of the younger set.

Miss E. Hunt gave a dinner party Thanksgiving in honor of her guest, Mr. Leo L. White, Petty Officer of the U. S. S. California. Others present: Misses E. Adams, A. Foy, Mrs. C. Lacey and R. Broyles.

Mrs. Miles spent Thanksgiving in Los Angeles with Mrs. Layne, attending the Booker T. Washington Club who gave a taffy pull.

Mr. Gentry attended the Young Folks party at A. M. E. Church, Thanksgiving evening and was so delighted with the affair, he wishes to see it repeated.

Miss A. Muse has been suffering with a severe cold. She is rapidly improving now.

Saturday evening, Miss M. Dudley entertained with a typical Dutch Lunch. The dining room was beautifully decorated in red and green. Misses A. Foy, A. Muse, E. Hunt, E. Adams and H. Brown were the guests.

Mr. Wm. Dudley has returned home from his trip through Arizona and New Mexico.

The funeral services of Mrs. Harris of 1514 Third street, whose death was caused by the explosion of a parlor lamp were held at 2 p. m., Tuesday afternoon from the Kirkerle Undertaking Parlors.

THE CHURCHES

Under the leadership of Rev. J. D. Pettigrew, a Congregational Church was organized last Sunday. The first services will be held Sunday, Dec. 8 at Scott's Hall on Central Avenue., between 5th and 6th streets. On Sunday, December 15th, the church will be fellowshiped into the denomination by representatives of the twenty white Congregational Churches of the city. Mr. Leroy Albright has been chosen as choir director.

NEGROES OWN OIL MILL

Mound Bayou—Dr. Booker T. Washington will in this city on Monday November 25th, to deliver an address and pull the whistle that will be a signal for the formal opening of the Mound Bayou oil mill. One hundred thousand dollars has been raised for this industry which has been under construction for several years. A large crowd is expected.

DR. CRUM DYING—WIFE IN LONDON

(Airogram to Chicago Defender)

Liberia, Africa, Nov. 22.—Dr. Crum, U. S. Minister, is dying with African fever. Mrs. Crum was invited to London to the home of Duchess Heampstead for a month's stay and was hurriedly called to the bedside of her husband, who will die before morning, and before she reaches the African water.

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Nov. 27, 1912.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The opportunity presented to the Democratic party is the greatest that has been offered it in sixty years. Whether it can give the country an administration attended by prosperity and progress is up to the party to demonstrate. It is the sincere hope of the American people that the party lives up to its opportunity. What the people want now is a safe and sane administration of public affairs and they care little which party gives it to them so they get it. If the Democratic party meets the requirements, and we think it will, it will have a long lease on power.

On the race question the Democratic party has the opportunity of its life. For fifty years prior to the war the party was handicapped by its espousal of the institution of human slavery. As the results of the war human slavery was destroyed and the Democratic party relieved of that handicap. As to the solution of the race problem the Democratic party is the one party that can solve it. The solid Negro vote which the party so long regarded as a menace has disappeared forever. And by rallying to the support of the Democratic party by tens of thousands the Negroes have extended to that party the olive branch. The Democratic party has the power to suppress lynching and secure to the Negroes the full protection of the law. This is all the Negroes ask. This the Republican party could not or at least, it did not, attempt to do. If the Democratic party does this, the Republican party will have ended its career. What the country needs now and needs badly is the enforcement of the law without regard to race, color or section. If the Democratic party does this or even attempts to do it, it will become the peoples party and will control the destinies of the nation for an indefinite period.

ON THE SICK LIST

The city sick list among our people is unusually large. Mr. C. W. Holden, who has been confined to his bed for two weeks is on the road to recovery. His confinement is extreemely unfortunate, as he is prominently connected with many business concerns, his services can be illy spared. Besides being president of the Wesley M. E. Church board of Trustees, which always needs his services, he is financing a mining company which promises to yield fortunes to its stodk holders.

Police Officer Watson who has also been critically ill is on the road to recovery. Mr. Watson ranks as one of the most trusted men in the department. A number of officers have been detailed to take turns in nursing him.

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS CAREER CLOSES

By the death of Mr. H. A. Jones, which cocurred at his residence in Duarte last week, the colored business circles lost one of its most successful members. Previous to the failure of his health, which occurred several years ago, he furnished employment for a large number of men and in that way contributed much to race prosperity.

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Inscribed with many victories.
Long may its stainless banner wave
In triumph o'er oppression's grave.

Wm. Westenfield.
Bloomington, Cal.

REV. J. T. HILL UNFROCKED

It is rumored that the Baptist Ministers Alliance has unfrocked Rev. J. T. Hill. We have never been able to understand why Dr. Hill, who was apparently making a success at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, should ask for a six months leave of absence and go around

over the country singing. His reason for wanting a six months vacation was a need of rest; somehow the Rev. Dr.'s method of taking rest seems somewhat peculiar to us. Unless he was compelled to, the Dr. ought not to have vacated Zion's pulpit without requesting the people to elect immediately a successor. If Zion could get along for six months she could get along indefinately without one. The Dr. has without doubt done a great work for that Church, and the congregation has shown him its utmost appreciat-ion The membership took excellent care of him while he was finishing his course in the College of Liberal Arts, University of Southern California. After receiving the degree of Master of Arts he entered the Medical College to fit himself for a calling, which meant that he eventually intended leaving the pulpit for a more profitable vocation. In spite of this, so devoted was the membership of Zion Church to him that his salary was increased from time to time as he demanded until it reached $100 per month.

Why he would leave his divine calling and ample salary to go about over the country with a cheap vaudeville is a mystery. It is the privilege of men to follow any vocation they may choose, but the pulpit should never be used as a stepping stone to a more remunerative position. When a man is divinely called to the ministery he is never recalled.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Ladies Day nursery will hold an important session at Wesley M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8th, at 2 p. m. assistant District Attorney Ford will address the meeting and important business will be transacted. The cause is a very worthy one and the meeting should be very largely attended. Let every person go prepared to contribute. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. H. Fletcher of New Orleans, La., a nephew of Mr. J. Thomas Norris, is in the city to reside permanently..

DO YOU KNOW HIM

Marietta, Okla., Nov. 17, 1912.
Mr. Frank Loper.
Sir:

This letter I am writing you to know if there is a young boy working for you. Name: Frank McKeever. If so, please tell him to write home to his father. I haven't seen or heard from my only son for five years. I have a large farm and lots of city property for him. I am 58 years old.

D. A. McKEEVER,
Marietta, Okla.

JACK JOHNSON TO WED MISS CAMERON

CHICAGO, Dec. 3—Jack Johnson secured a marriage license today to marry Lucile Cameron. At first the document was refused by the license clerk, but he issued it later on an order of County Clerk Switzer, to whom Johnson appealed.

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